



Interoffice Memo
Office of Design Policy & Support

DATE: 2/26/2020

FILE: P.I.# 0015670
Banks County / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 15 from I-85 to CR 18/Faulkner Road; Including Realignment
Operational Improvement

FROM:  for Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT

Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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Location and Design Report

DATE: 1/23/2020

FILE: P.I.# 0015670
Banks County / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 15 FROM I-85 TO CR 18/FAULKNER ROAD; INC REALIGNMENT

FROM: *for* *JBushy for* Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: Brent Story, P.E. State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E. State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

Description and Project Proposal: This project consists of adding a raised median along the corridor of SR 15/US 441 from north of I-85 to Faulkner Road. Other improvements includes installing pedestrian crosswalks, providing ADA Ramps and installing supplemental signal heads. It also includes the realignment and extension of Steven B Tanger Blvd to SR 15/US 441 and the realignment of Faulkner Rd and Access Rd (former Steven B Tanger Blvd). Signals along the corridor would be upgraded. The project length is 0.97 miles.

Concept Approval Date: October 23, 2018

Concept Update: The number of lanes for the new roadway alignment of Steven B. Tanger Blvd. has been reduced from 4 to 2 lanes. The sidewalks along this portion of roadway have been removed. Auxiliary lanes, 12-foot wide, are now proposed. The maximum grade has been reduced from 4.5% to 2.14%. As a result of reducing the lanes on Steven B. Tanger Blvd, minor design revisions were made to Faulkner Road. The urban border area has been reduced to 10-foot wide. The rural shoulder varies from 2-10 feet wide with 2 feet paved. The sidewalks were removed. The maximum superelevation rate increased from 4% to 6%. The maximum grade raised from 5% to 6.04%. The design changes were made to reduce the required amount of right of way and its associated costs. [A Revised Concept Report is pending.](#)

Environmental Document Type: GEPA - No Document **Approval Date:** N/A
This is a state funded project and a GEPA document is not required.

Public Involvement:

- *Public Information Open House summary:*
 - *The Public Information Open House was held on January 21, 2020, located at Banks County High School in Homer, GA.*
 - *A total of 61 people attended.*

Consistency with Approved Planning: The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the [Revised Concept Report \(approval pending\)](#).

Recommendations: Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur: Hill Patel 2-21-2020
GDOT Director of Engineering Date

Approve: Ms. Finkle 2/25/2020
GDOT Chief Engineer Date

DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL:

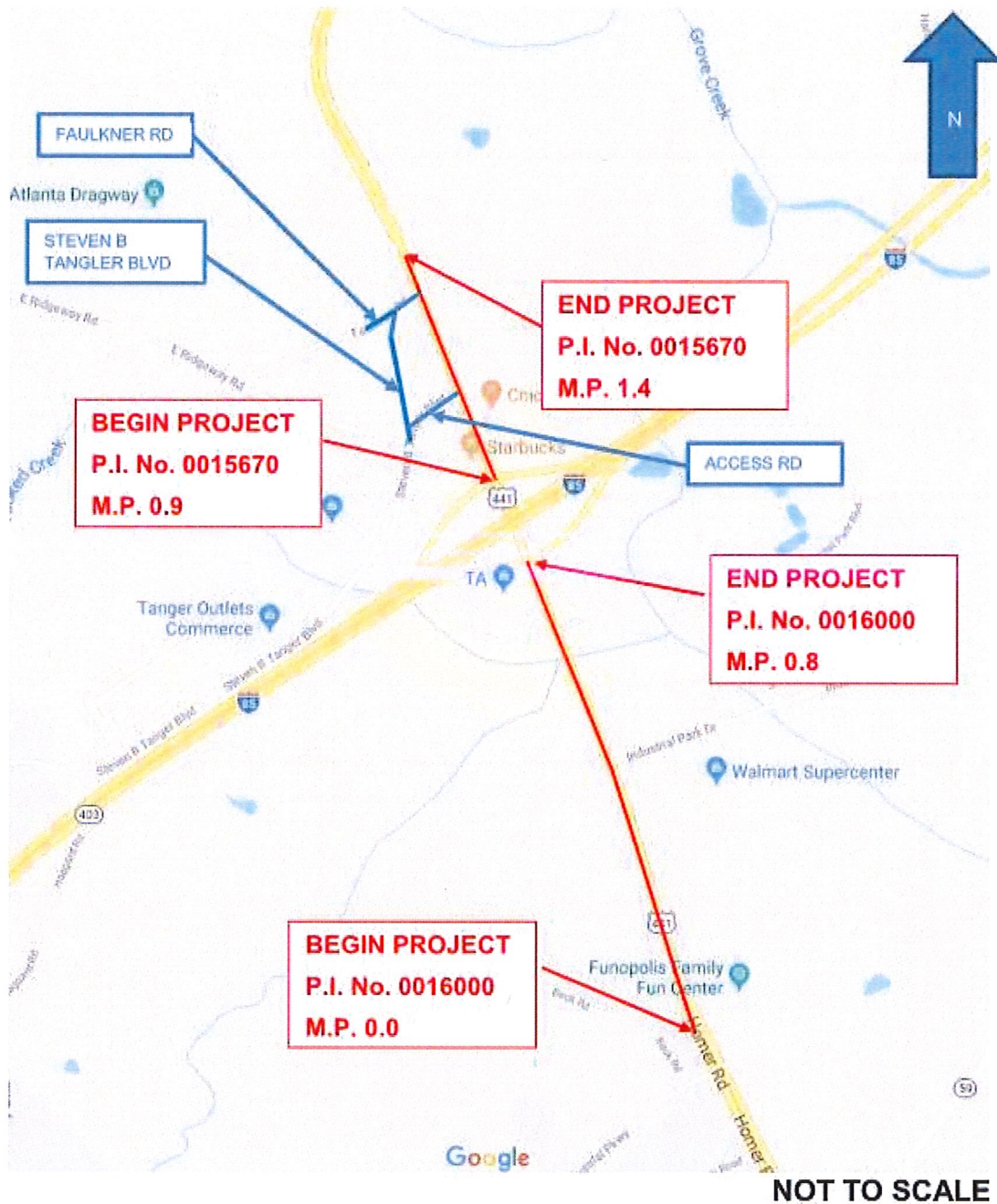
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(To be entered by State Conceptual Design
Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Location Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

P. I. 0015670

BANKS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: February 26, 2020

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The project will have an approximate construction schedule of 24 months. During the construction of the new alignment of Steven B. Tanger Blvd., there will be a detour. The detour will be utilized when the new roadway construction is tying into the existing roadway of Faulkner Drive or the Access Road (formerly Steven B. Tanger Blvd.). Traffic along US 441/SR 15 will remain open during construction.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

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301 Conger Road Carnesville, GA 30521
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Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator
Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Heidi Schneider
HSchneider@dot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree St NW, Suite 1550
Atlanta, GA 30308
(678) 518-3677

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.